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Macomb County earns Michigan Excellence in Technology awards

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – Macomb County earned three awards from the state of Michigan for its efforts to bring cutting-edge technology to its residents.

The Michigan Excellence in Technology awards earned by the county were given by the Michigan Department of Information Technology as part of its 2006 Best of Michigan Technology Award program.

The honors earned by the county were the Demonstrated Leadership in Management of Information Technology Award, the Visionary Award, and the award for Best Application for Serving the Public.

The management award was given to county IT Director Cyntia Zerkowski for demonstrating exceptional leadership in the planning, implementation and completion of technology initiatives.

The Visionary Award was given to County Board Chair Nancy White for her leadership and support for county technology initiatives.

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The application award was given to Macomb County for implementing GovDelivery email notification system which allows residents to receive instant updates of county news and events.

Award winners were chosen by an evaluation committee consisting of technology professionals from state and local governments. Winners were selected on the basis of leadership, innovation, collaboration and project excellence.

About Macomb County

Macomb County is an enriching community in Southeastern Michigan that has one of the state's fastest rates of growth. Its 834,000 residents make it Michigan's third-largest county, with direct access to Lake St. Clair and Anchor Bay, and a host of cultural and entertainment options. Its highly skilled workforce and investment in new and expanding businesses make it open to enterprise. Active civic leadership translates into balanced budgets and Michigan's second-lowest tax rate. An increasingly diverse population and high quality of life make Macomb County accessible to all.